



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending October 21, 2012, there was a reported 6.98 days suitable for field work. **Box Elder County** reports farmers will benefit greatly if anticipated rains materialize this week -- especially dry land wheat and rangeland. The county mostly had a dry week with a little storm coming through on Tuesday and Wednesday. Most areas measured under a 10th of an inch of rain. It dried up quickly and did not seem to slow field work in the County.

Field Crop Summary

Beaver County reports grain corn drying out well. **Box Elder County** farmers have been busy wrapping up the corn harvest, plowing, planting and chopping 4th crop hay. Many dry land farmers have planted their wheat into dry soil. Farmers were busy this week harvesting grain corn, preparing soil and planting fall wheat, or cutting and green chopping remaining alfalfa fields for the year. Grain corn harvest is still progressing with a good amount of acres harvested this week. Moisture levels are ranging from 18.0 percent to 35 percent depending on the planting dates and varieties. Several corn producers are putting the corn through dryers to get the moisture low enough to store in bins.

Livestock Summary

Beaver County reports livestock are looking good coming off range lands. **Box Elder County** reports ranchers are busy weaning calves and bringing cows and calves home from summer range. The calves' weights range from 40 to 100 lbs lighter than normal this year because of poorer range conditions, and many cows are thinner than normal. Most ranchers report they will need to supplement their typical winter feed with hay to help cows recover. Livestock producers are busy trying to keep their animals in feed and they are weaning calves and preparing them for shipping. Producers normally vaccinate calves prior to shipping. Sheep producers have sorted off lambs and either sold the lambs or have them on feed in feed lots. Flocks are now in fields on irrigated crop residue preparing for breeding in November. Winter range from permits may not be available due to drought conditions. **Cache County** cattlemen are selling their calves now. Prices are reported as being quite good and weights are better than most anticipated.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 21, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	26	30	32	12	0
Corn	1	3	23	52	21
Sheep	0	6	26	65	3
Cattle/calves	0	7	30	57	6

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 21, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	73	70	89	88
Corn Mature	96	91	73	85
Corn Grain Harvested	57	44	9	29
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	94	83	83	82
Apple Harvested	77	76	66	82

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 21, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	88	76	76	78
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	83	72	79	79

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 21, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	32	47	21	0
Subsoil	37	36	27	0
Stock water supplies	14	42	44	0